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1. Mr. Darden, of the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, requested that we immediately prepare language to be inserted in the Military Construction bill whereby space in temporary buildings which would be evacuated by CIA upon occupancy of the new headquarters installation would be demolished. I discussed this matter with Mr. Perry and Mr. Pflager, of the Bureau of the Budget, and at their suggestion I also discussed the matter with Max Elliott, General Counsel of GSA. They urged that if the Committee would accept language providing for the destruction of "equivalent space" in the temporaries, it would be preferable in that it would allow the Administration to destroy the temporary buildings on the Mall even though some were not occupied by CIA at a higher priority than buildings such as which were not so much in the public eye. The Committee finally adopted the "equivalent space" language.

- 2. However, in reporting out the bill, the Real Estate and Military Construction Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee, recommended, and the full Committee approved, a reduction in the authorization requested for construction from \$50,000,000 to \$45,000,000. With our approval the Committee reduced the authorization for acquisition of a site from \$6,000,000 to \$1,000,000, and authorized the extension of the George Washington Memorial Parkway to the Research Station of the Bureau of Public Roads at Langley, Virginia, provided we occupied the Langley site.
- 3. I pointed out to Mr. Darden that in our opinion the total sum authorized of \$53,500,000 was technically in error and should read \$54,500,000 to cover the \$1,000,000 authorization for land acquisition. I pointed out that if we do not select the Langley site the \$8,500,000 for the Parkway extension would not be available, leaving us with an authorization of \$45,000,000, which would then not include the \$1,000,000 for the land. Mr. Darden agreed that this was in error and that it would be corrected in Conference. He subsequently informed Col. White that in his opinion the intent of the language was quite clear and that \$53,500,000 was the correct figure. Mr. Warner and I do not agree with this interpretation.

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- 4. The Director sent a letter to Subcommittee Chairman Stennis requesting that the Conferees on the Military Construction Bill seek to restore the \$5,000,000 cut made in our construction authorization. The DCI pointed out that our estimate had been made very tight and that the \$5,000,000 were necessary. A copy of this letter was furnished to Committee Chairman Russell.
- 5. Attempts were made to determine the status of the Executive Pay bill in view of the Hoover Commission recommendation for increased salaries for top CIA officials and the Director's desire to secure action in this regard. Mr. Jones of the Bureau of the Budget informed me that Philip Young, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, had the matter in hand. Col. White tried to reach Mr. Young and talked with Ismar Baruch, Technical Advisor to the Commission. (See Col. White's Memorandum for the Record dated 1 July 1955). These conversations indicated that the Executive Pay scales would be raised by dollars or percentages within current categories, but would not permit of reallocation of positions between categories. The latter is the major problem in connection with the Director's and Deputy Director's salary. This would leave CIA the alternative of proceeding by its own legislation in connection with these senior positions. I suggested to Col. White that we might be in a greatly strengthened position if the Government Operations Committees, which have jurisdiction over the report on CIA, were to recommend legislation in this connection, thus eliminating the problem of the Director seeking his own raise.